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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

Kent MALMGREN et al.)

Application No.: 09/101,341)

Filed: July 8, 1998)

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING)
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION)

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Everett White

Confirmation No. 9545

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants' representative thanks Examiner White and Examiner Wilson of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for their time and consideration in participating in an Interview with Applicants' representative on April 4, 2003. During the Interview, Applicants' representative discussed the deficiencies of the applied art with respect to the presently claimed invention. At the conclusion of the Interview, the Examiners indicated that claims 1-12 and 19-

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